

Woodlands and You



PROJECTS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate

An introduction for Individuals, Community
Groups and Social Enterprises





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Introduction

This guide is for individuals, community groups and social enterprises wanting to organise activities, events and projects in the Welsh Government Woodland Estate managed by [Forestry Commission Wales](#)

Woodlands have huge potential to benefit communities in many ways – they can be used for training and enterprise ventures, health and well-being initiatives, arts and community regeneration programmes – the tree tops are the limit!

Both the Welsh Government and Forestry Commission Wales are committed to making sure communities and social enterprises get the greatest possible benefit from the Woodland Estate. You can find out more about what Forestry Commission Wales does in Appendix 1 of this guide.

We welcome proposals and approaches from **all** individuals, groups and social enterprises, and proposals can be made at any time. The woodlands of Wales are here for everyone. If you're planning to organise an activity, event or run a project on the Woodland Estate, you'll need to consider how to ensure as many people as possible across your community will know about it and have the opportunity to take part. Further information about equality and diversity issues can be found in Appendix 2 of this guide.

'**Woodlands and You**' aims to open the way for more people than ever to make the most of this resource. This introduction explains more about how this works and gives examples of the kind of activities and projects that have been supported in the past.

Every project is unique and will be considered individually. So if you have a proposal that appears to be different to those we mention, it's still worth contacting us. **In fact, it's essential that you contact us for an initial chat before you start any detailed planning work – so that we can support you all the way through the process!** You'll find a map and all contact details on page 16 of this guide.

Although we refer to woodland and forests, not all of the land that we manage is covered in trees. There are rivers, meadows, moorland, mountaintops, coal tips and archaeological sites, we also manage buildings – any of which might have the potential for community projects.

FCW is developing its approach to working with commercial organisations – please contact us if you have a proposal.

1. Our Commitment

We aim to make the process of running events and activities, and developing projects on the Woodland Estate as straightforward and enjoyable as possible. We will be listening to you to make sure the programme is working through:

- Regular review processes to ensure that proposal forms are clear and as easy to complete as possible



- Regular review processes to ensure that guidance and support is clear and easily accessible
- Ensuring that our staff are well trained and courteous
- Providing advice and information promptly, and signposting to other organisations when appropriate
- Consistent and fair decision making
- Responding to applications, correspondence and queries within published timescales
- Providing feedback for unsuccessful applicants where requested
- Requesting and acting on feedback from applicants

2. What kind of activity is possible?

Activities which Need No Consent

Much of the woodland we look after on behalf of the Welsh Government has public open access under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (unless open access is prevented by legal or title restrictions or by our forestry operations). That means members of the public are positively welcomed to use woodlands freely for a whole range of recreational activities.

No formal permission or agreement is required for activities such as:

- Walking
- Picnicking
- Walks where no vehicle access is required
- Small, non-competitive cycling groups just out for a ride, rather than as part of an organised event
- Horse riding – if no gate key is required
- Self-led education walks
- Geocache activities
- Wild life surveys where no vehicle access is needed

If you're unsure whether or not the activity you have in mind may need consent, please contact us see page 16 for details.



Activities which need Consent

Welsh Government woodlands can be busy places. Timber harvesting may be taking place or planned, and many different people and groups use woodlands for a variety of purposes.

For health and safety reasons, and to ensure that other users are not adversely affected or put at risk, we need to know about and give *in advance* consent to organised activities and events and any longer-term project development. Examples of these would include (and this is **not** an exhaustive list):

- Activities where vehicles need to be taken into the woodland
- Activities where people will be charged to take part
- Training and bushcraft courses and events
- Setting up stalls or tents
- Erecting signs, benches, creating paths
- Cutting back vegetation or undertaking agreed woodland management work
- Forest School type activities

In fact, anything that might result in Forestry Commission Byelaws being broken will need a formal consent – **again, please talk to us at an early stage**. A copy of the Byelaws is available on the FCW website, or you can give us a call and we'll post a copy to you.

You'll need to consider how to ensure as many people as possible will know about the activity, event or project you're proposing and have the opportunity to take part if possible. You'll also need Public Liability Insurance cover of £5m or any activity, event or project that you undertake. It is not expensive or difficult to get this level of insurance cover and it is required so that we know you are covered for any eventuality.

Organised Activities and Events

Hundreds of one off activities and events take place in the Welsh Government woodlands each year. If you're planning activities or events of the type listed above, you're likely to need a Permission, and you will need to complete **Proposal Form 1**. This will usually provide us with all the information we need to be able to make a decision. Form 1 and supporting **Guidance** is available to download from the **Forestry Commission Wales** website, or by contacting us on 0300 068 0300 (lo-call rate).

You'll need to submit Proposal Form 1 at least 12 weeks before the date of your activity or event to give us enough time to carry out all the necessary consultation with local staff. Please don't plan any publicity before you have formal consent. In fact, if you need time to publicise your activity *after* you've received consent, you'll need to submit your proposal even sooner.

Before you complete the form, you'll need to have thought about:

- What you plan to do



- Where and when the activity or event will take place and how long it will last
- How many people will be involved
- Whether you'll need vehicle access
- Whether you'll need access pre and post event for setting up and take down
- What supporting facilities you'll need – e.g. portaloos, marshals, catering etc.
- How you'll ensure safety and provide insurance cover.

The questions in Proposal Form 1 and the Guidance that goes with it will help you through! You can find an example of a completed **Form 1** on the **website**, or give us a call and we'll post a copy to you.

You'll be asked to provide a Risk Assessment – if you have a template of your own, that's fine. If you don't have one, you can download the FCW template from the **website**, along with handy hints on completion – or give us a call and we'll post one to you.

If you are undertaking a wildlife, conservation or heritage survey, you'll need to complete the **Wildlife / Conservation and Heritage Application Form**, *instead of* Form 1. You can download a copy of this form from the Forestry Commission Wales website, or by contacting us on 0300 068 0300 (lo-call rate).

Charges for Permissions

FCW usually **charges** for issuing a Permission. You can download details from the website, or give us a call and we'll post them to you. The minimum charge is usually £50, with additional fees for certain activities – ask us for further information.

There are some circumstances in which charges may be waived. If you think this is the case, please discuss this with us.

Longer Term Projects

These projects usually involve infrastructure installation, for example paths and trails, signage, sculptures, shelters - or agreed woodland management activity. If you are planning a project like this **please discuss it with us as a first step**. There may be specific management, local Forest Design Plan or development issues that you'd need to take into account, or which make the project unsuitable in a specific location. We'll do our best to work with you to resolve these issues.

Assuming initial discussions are positive, we'll need you to provide more details and information by completing **Proposal Form 2**. Again, Form 2 and supporting **Guidance** is available to download from the **Forestry Commission Wales** website, or by contacting us on 0300 068 0300 (lo-call rate).

You can find an example of a completed **Form 2** on the **website**, or give us a call and we'll post a copy to you.

Should your proposal be approved, you're likely to need a Management Agreement with us. This is a fixed term contract setting out exactly what you are permitted to do - it does not give you exclusive use of the woodland or grant a legal interest in it.



Proposals for longer term projects are welcome from voluntary and community organisations of all types. Your organisation must have at least a basic constitution setting out your aims, a clear management structure, transparent membership criteria, be able to demonstrate clear links with the woodland concerned and with other local organisations.

Proposal Form 2 will ask you to demonstrate how your project will contribute to meeting the aims of Woodlands for Wales. This is the Welsh Government's 50-year strategy for the management, development and creation of woodlands in Wales. The four key themes of the Strategy and proposed outcomes for each of these are listed in Appendix 3, and you can download a full copy of the Forestry Commission Wales website. If your project is contributing to other local strategies or plans, tell us about that too.

Leasing or Buying a Welsh Government Woodland

Your social enterprise may wish to take over full responsibility for management of a woodland to deliver greater long-term benefits for local communities than FCW is able to do. This would require a lease with exclusive occupation rights or outright purchase, and may be considered where such benefits have been demonstrated and evidenced – final decisions are made by the Welsh Government Minister responsible for the Woodland Estate. The first step is to complete **Proposal Form 2** as set out above, though additional information will be needed as the proposal progresses. **Again, please talk to us first.**

Woodlands are leased and sold at market value and you'll need to budget for your group's legal costs. Leases and sales may be considered where:

- The woodland concerned is freehold;
- There is limited existing stakeholder interest in the woodland ;
- The woodland is in either a stand-alone block or on the edge of a larger block with its own access routes;
- It is clear that your plans could only be met by a lease or purchase of the woodland and that a Management Agreement or Permission would be inappropriate.

Use of Timber

Requests to use timber as part of your activity or project (for example, woodland management training, making small items to sell) may be considered. All timber will be disposed of at market value. In some currently unmanaged woodlands, timber may have little or no value. In other productive woodlands, the value will be much higher. Each request will be considered on a case by case basis within the following guidelines:

- A basic, prescriptive **management plan** will be agreed with District staff. These must:
 - contribute to delivery of the Forest Design Plan and 'Woodlands for Wales' objectives
 - specify the area to be worked
 - provide a precise description of the work to be undertaken



- provide an estimate of the timber volumes involved.
- FCW will **monitor and record** all harvested timber and charge at the agreed rate.

3. How Your Proposal is Assessed

Organised Activities and Events

When we receive Proposal Form 1, we'll check all required supporting documentation. If all details have been included, the proposal will then be circulated for Forest District staff to comment on. This forms our internal consultation, which makes sure we have enough information from local staff to make the right decision.

We'll come back to you with a decision within 12 weeks days of receipt of a fully completed proposal. We will be looking for confirmation that:

- You've provided details about yourself or your group
- It's clear what you want to do and where you want to do it - the proposal has been thought through and is well planned
- We know how many people will take part, whether or not they'll be charged, what facilities will be provided and if vehicles will be taken into the woodland.

Longer Term Projects

When we receive Proposal Form 2, we'll check to make sure you have sent us all required supporting documentation. If all details have been included, the proposal will then be circulated for Forest District staff to comment on, for the same reasons as above. It may be necessary to discuss and agree amendments. We'll be looking for confirmation that:

- Your proposal is helping to deliver Woodlands for Wales outcomes
- You've provided full details of what you plan to do, where and when it will take place and what the benefits will be
- Details of your organisation – how it's constituted and managed, how people can join, the skills members will bring to develop and manage your project
- Evidence of need for the project, local support for it and details of any partner organisations
- How you'll fund the work and maintain it in the long term.

We'll come back to you with a decision within 12 weeks of receipt of a fully completed proposal.

Leasing or Buying a Welsh Government Woodland

When we receive Proposal Form 2, we'll check to make sure you have sent us all required supporting documentation. If all details have been included, the proposal will then be circulated for Forest District staff to comment on. It may be necessary to discuss and agree amendments.



We'll come back to you with an *in principle* decision within 12 weeks of receipt of a fully completed proposal.

If the evidence provided at this point indicates that the lease proposal is strong enough to proceed, additional information will be required, e.g. detailed business case, woodland management plan, formal valuation.

An Evaluation Panel (with both FCW officers and independent representatives) will consider the detailed proposals and recommend to the Welsh Government Minister responsible for the Woodland Estate whether or not a disposal should be supported.

As this part of the process is likely to be more complex, a timescale for making a decision will be discussed and agreed with you and you will be kept fully informed of progress at all times.

In all cases, if we are not able to approve your proposal, we will tell you why.

Summary

Agreement Type	Who makes the decision	Application Process	Normal Response Timescale Once fully completed proposal received
Permission	FCW District Area Land Agent	Proposal Form 1	12 weeks
Management Agreement	FCW Country Land Agent	Proposal Form 2	12 weeks
Lease /Sale	FCW Country Land Agent on behalf of Welsh Government Minister with responsibility for the Woodland Estate	Proposal Form 2 Woodland Management Plan, Business Case	12 weeks for initial assessment, TBC subsequently

4. Case Studies

These are some of the many projects which have already successfully organised events and activities and developed projects on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate:

Improved Access

Cwm Celyn Tenants and Residents Association, Blaenau Gwent entered into a Management Agreement with FCW to link in the local woodland with a trail around the nearby Cwm Celyn Pond. This created new community walks and increased community access and involved the following main elements:

- **Entrance:** Upgrading and landscaping and the car park and entrance to the woodland and the installation of a small picnic site



- **Improved access** and pathways through the site, with associated drainage works, including a small pond.
- **Planting** of native broadleaved trees following the removal of some conifers prior to the project commencing.
- The creation of an “amphitheatre” for use as an **outdoor classroom**

Skills Training

The environmental charity BTCV is working in Pembrey, one of the woodlands we manage in Carmarthenshire, training unemployed people in a wide range of countryside and estate management skills. This gives them greater capacity to find employment and enhances confidence and motivation. As the work takes place in a major recreation site, the work done there benefits the wider public too and helps to conserve this important natural resource.

Community Facilities

The Aberystwyth based Second Penparcau Scout Group needed a woodland location where they could build a Log Cabin and undertake a range of scouting activities. Working with Forestry Commission Wales, the group identified the woodland of Cwmnewyddion as being ideal for their needs - close to Aberystwyth with good existing access. The group entered into a Management Agreement with the Commission, built their Cabin, improved footpaths, created a camping area, constructed bird hides and developed a small vegetable plot. The Scouts now meet on a weekly basis in the woodland to undertake activities and maintain the facilities that they have constructed. Membership of the Group is increasing and members of the local community have also started to use and benefit from the facilities.

Health and Wellbeing

Cwmsaebren woodland near Treherbert is used on a regular basis by a group of local people wanting to improve their health after serious illness. Coed Lleol and BTCV have a Permission with FCW to run a range of fun practical activities with the group, e.g. bushcraft, access creation, woodland skills – all supervised by qualified staff. The wood is in an excellent location for the group – next to the town centre with good access and open spaces. The initiative is doing well - providing both an alternative venue for people who would not use a conventional gym and giving them an effective and enjoyable start to a more active and healthier lifestyle.

Habitat Creation and Management

Kilvey Hill Volunteers work with FCW to undertake conservation and habitat creation work in Kilvey Hill wood, Swansea. The group meets on a regular basis, undertaking tasks such as weeding, cleaning, and vegetation management to encourage wildlife. They also undertake habitat restoration work such as conifer removal, heather seed collection and sowing with the objective of restoring a valuable area of upland heather heath land. The volunteers also undertake footpath maintenance, sculpture and art work maintenance organise litter picking events and lead guided walks.

Fundraising Activities and Events

Many community organisations obtain Permissions to run fundraising events in the Woodland Estate. Forest roads, paths and bike trails are often used for sponsored walks and rides, with the advantage that they are free of traffic and rich in scenery.



Arts Projects

In North Wales, in the heart of the Gwydyr forest, an exciting theatrical event was developed by Cynefin Community Arts and local social enterprise, Golygfa Gwydyr, who entered into a Management Agreement with FCW. The forest was chosen as a location for a unique theatrical art form that stimulates all the senses. The productions, which explored Welsh history, culture, language and legends took place in a labyrinth of pathways through the forest. As well as taking part in the performances, Golygfa Gwydyr built the pathways with help from other local volunteers and artists. The group has gone from strength to strength and has now diversified to pursue further social, economic and environmental projects.

5. Support and Information

Developing and managing an event, activity or project can be complex – you may need some advice and guidance along the way.

If you're planning an event or activity, you'll need Public Liability Insurance cover of £5m, a risk assessment, maps etc.

If your project is more complex, you'll need to be a legally constituted body, undertake local consultation, ensure legal compliance etc.

FCW officers will actively support the development of your proposal as far as possible, for example with the provision of:

- Advice and guidance on the Woodlands and You proposal process
- Assistance with woodland maps
- Woodland management best practice
- Woodlands for Wales guidance
- Information about local woodlands and Forest Design Plans
- Knowledge of other local groups and potential partners
- Explanation of basic risk assessment processes
- Advice on felling and planting licenses
- Help with accessing Glastir woodland grants

If however you need advice on how to set up your group, where potential sources of funding might be, how to reach and involve all members of your community, planning guidance etc., you'll need to talk to people with specific expertise in these areas.

There are many expert third and public sector organisations out there to offer assistance – and other groups who can share their practical experiences of undertaking similar work. Some of these are listed in Appendix 4.



6. Frequently Asked Questions

I've got an idea – who should I contact to discuss it?

You need to talk to your local Forest District – have a look at the map on page 3 of this guide for all contact details and to check where your woodland is.

Will I need insurance?

Yes, as a minimum you'll need Public Liability Insurance of £5million to be able to run an activity, event or project on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate. You should check with your insurer and /or your local County Voluntary Council to see if you need further policy cover.

Why does FCW need us to apply for permission 12 weeks before the activity or event?

Welsh Government woodlands can be busy places. Timber harvesting may be taking place or planned, and many different people and groups use woodlands for all kinds of activities. For health and safety reasons, and to ensure that other users are not adversely affected, we need to know about and give *in advance* consent to events and activities and any project development. Thorough consultation with all local staff is essential and this takes time.

Who is responsible for informing other forest user of my event/activity?

You are. FCW will provide you with a list of relevant contact details. You will also be responsible for gaining consent (if required) from for example the local police or highways authority.

How do we fill in a risk assessment?

You'll be asked to provide a Risk Assessment for all activities, events and projects. If you have a template of your own, that's fine. If you don't have one, you can download the FCW template from the **website**, along with handy hints on completion – or give us a call and we'll post one to you.

My proposal has been turned down – can I appeal?

Of course – write to us setting out the reasons that you think the wrong decision has been made. We'll take another look and respond to you.

What should we do if we want information regarding our local woodland?

Talk to your local Forest District – have a look at the map on page 3 of this guide for all contact details. It might be that FCW doesn't manage the woodland you're interested in, but we'll do our best to tell you who does.

What will happen if other groups are already using the woodland?

It depends what you plan to do. Woodlands are big places and one of the great things about them is that it's easy to get away from others. Occasionally, however, it may be that conflicting activities make it necessary for a proposal to be turned down in a particular location. This is especially the case with, for example, requests to lease areas of busy, multi-purpose woodlands.



[Does FCW give grants to people who use its woodlands?](#)

The two grant programmes currently managed by FCW are:

- **Glastir Woodland Creation**, and
- **The Wood Energy Business Scheme** - Grants for Welsh SME businesses and community groups installing wood fuelled heating systems

Details of both are on the Forestry Commission Wales website.

[What will happen if the group folds mid way through the term of the agreement?](#)

Sadly, sometimes groups do come to a natural end – we understand that. If your group has an agreement with us and is experiencing difficulties of any kind, please talk to us as soon as you can and we'll do our best to help.

[How can schools use woodland?](#)

We welcome schools in the woodlands we manage! Talk to us first about what you plan to do – you may not need a formal consent. If you're planning Forest School activities, you may need a Permission and you'll need to complete and submit Proposal Form 1.

[What do we do if there is antisocial activity in our local woodland.](#)

Talk to your local Forest District – have a look at the map on page 3 of this guide for all contact details. It might be that FCW doesn't manage the woodland you're interested in, but we'll do our best to tell you who does.

[We want to use the timber from the woodland, can we do that?](#)

See the 'Use of Timber' guidance at section X of this guide.



Appendix 1 - What does Forestry Commission Wales do?

Forestry Commission Wales (FCW) acts as the Welsh Government's Department of Forestry. On behalf of the Welsh Government, we:

- Manage the 38% of Welsh woodlands it owns on behalf of the people – this woodland is known as the Welsh Government Woodland Estate
- Advise on the development of the development of woodland policy, such as the national [Woodlands for Wales strategy](#) and [Action Plan](#) and its implementation
- Promote sustainable woodland management within the public and private sectors, undertaking regulatory work (including felling and replanting licenses) and grant administration
- Undertake education activities with schools and young people
- Work and consult with communities who live near the woodlands we manage or who want to undertake activities in them.

Our [Corporate Plan](#) is updated each year and sets out what we want to achieve over a three year period.

As well as facilitating activities by others, FCW itself manages a wide range of facilities and projects on the Woodland Estate – these include wildlife conservation programmes, world class mountain bike trails, heritage and archaeological features, Visitor Centres and walking and horse riding routes.

The Woodland Estate in Wales is divided into four Forest Districts:

- Coed y Cymoedd
- Llandovery
- Coed y Mynydd
- Gororau

Each area of woodland in the Estate has a Forest Design Plan, setting out how it will be managed for the next thirty years. Forest Design Plans describe:

- What the woodland is like
- the management decision making process
- how it's intended the woods should develop over the thirty years
- tree felling and re-establishment in detail for 10 years and in outline for the succeeding 20

The Forest Design Planning process provides an opportunity for you to get involved in the development of a wood's plan where you have an interest in the wood. When a project is proposed for one of the woodlands we manage, we'll assess its potential impact on the Forest Design Plan and discuss this with you.



Appendix 2 - Equality and Diversity

We positively welcome proposals and approaches from all groups – particularly those protected under law. The woodlands of Wales are here for everyone, regardless of:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy and Maternity
- Race
- Religion and Belief
- Sexual Orientation

If you're planning a project or event in a Forestry Commission Wales managed woodland, you'll need to consider how to ensure everyone in your community knows about it and has the opportunity to take part.

Equality is about creating a fairer society, where everyone can participate and where everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Diversity is about recognising and valuing difference in the broadest sense. It is about understanding that everyone is different and that all people have requirements that we need to take into account so they can participate in day-to-day life as fully as possible.

Our society is diverse, with people of different ages, races, abilities and disabilities, different religions and beliefs, different genders and sexual orientations. We need to learn from the experiences and needs of all these groups to provide the best service we can.

FCW respects and values the benefits that diversity brings. Raising awareness of, consulting on and responding to equality and diversity issues helps ensure we are truly inclusive and the services we provide and opportunities we offer are accessible to everyone throughout Wales. We screen all our policies and activities and undertake an Equality Impact Assessment for all those which directly affect people and communities who use the woodlands we manage and the staff we employ.

As an appendix to the application forms, we have included a short form to monitor equality and diversity. We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity for everyone in the services we provide and in enabling access to and activity in the woodlands we manage. The information you give will be used to improve the way in which we do this. The information is collected for monitoring purposes only and will have no bearing at all on how your application is dealt



with. The monitoring information will be stored in such a way that no individual will be identifiable. Collecting this information is part of our statutory duty under the Equality Act 2010 and will be processed in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Appendix 3 – Contact details



Rhanbarthau Coedwig CCC FCW Forest Districts



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Appendix 4 - Woodlands for Wales

This 50-year Welsh Government strategy acknowledges the role that woodlands and trees can play in improving the lives of everyone in Wales, in sustaining the wider environment and in providing opportunities for people and communities.

In making your proposal for an activity, event or project, you'll need to demonstrate how you'll be helping to achieve one or more of its four key themes:

Responding to Climate Change

- Welsh woodlands contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of Wales

Woodlands for People

- More communities benefit from woodlands and trees
- More people enjoy the life-long learning benefits of woodlands and their products
- More people live healthier lives as a result of their use and enjoyment of woodlands
- More people benefit from woodland related enterprises

Competitive and Integrated Forest Sector

- More Welsh grown timber is used in Wales
- The forest sector is better integrated and more competitive, supporting the Welsh economy
- Increased use of timber as a key renewable resource
- A thriving, skilled workforce in the forestry sector

Environmental Quality

- Woodland management achieves high standards of environmental stewardship
- Woodlands and trees of special conservation value are in favourable management
- Woodland biodiversity is supported and native woodland is in favourable management
- Woodlands and trees make a positive contribution to the special landscape character of Wales and to sites of heritage and cultural importance
- New and existing trees and woodland contribute to water and soil management

Appendix 5 - Useful Organisations

Third Sector Organisations Offering Advice and Support		
Llais y Goedwig	www.llaisygoedwig.org.uk	The community woodland group network for Wales.
Wales Council for Voluntary Action	www.wcva.org.uk	The voice of the voluntary sector in Wales - represents and campaigns for voluntary organisations, volunteers and communities and manages a range of grant programmes.
Environment Wales	www.environment-wales.org	A partnership in the voluntary sector, funded by the Welsh Government - aims to contribute to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action to protect and improve the environment. Manages a range of funding programmes.
Black Environment Network	www.ben-network.org.uk	Promotes equality of opportunity with respect to ethnic communities in the preservation protection and development of the environment.
Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales	www.bvsnw.org.uk	An umbrella organisation that actively represents supports and promotes the interests of the BME communities and the BME voluntary sector in Wales. It also provides a number of services directly to individuals, communities and agencies throughout Wales.
Fieldfare Trust	www.fieldfare.org.uk	Works with people with disabilities and countryside managers to improve access to the countryside for everyone.
Stonewall	www.stonewall.org.uk	Works to achieve equality and justice for lesbians, gay men and bisexual people.
Wales Co-operative Centre	www.walescooperative.org	A co-operative development agency working across Wales to promote social, financial and digital inclusion through a range of projects. Helps communities develop businesses or projects that value people and the environment as much as profit.
Development Trusts Association Wales	www.dtawales.org.uk	An independent practitioner based membership organisation promoting the work of and supporting the growing network of development trusts in Wales.
Wildlife Trusts Wales	www.wildlifetrustswales.org	The six Wildlife Trusts in Wales work together to promote environmental sustainability.



Woodland Trust	www.woodlandtrust.org.uk	The UK's leading woodland conservation charity
Keep Wales Tidy	www.keepwalestidy.org	Works to encourage local action to protect and enhance the environment of Wales.
Sustrans	www.sustrans.org.uk	Leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day.
BTCV	www2.btcv.org.uk	Facilitates a range of environmental conservation through practical tasks undertaken by volunteers - inspiring people and improving places.
Groundwork Wales	www.wales.groundwork.org.uk	Groundwork works alongside communities, public bodies, private companies and voluntary sector organisations to improve open space, help people gain new skills and build strong communities. There are 4 Groundwork Trusts in Wales – contact details on the Groundwork Wales website.
Play Wales	www.playwales.org.uk	Play Wales aims for all children and young people in Wales to have regular access to play facilities. It provides advice to communities on how to build inclusive, local play provision and play areas.
The Princes Trust Cymru	www.princes-trust.org.uk	A youth charity that helps change young lives through volunteering
Wellbeing Wales Network	www.wellbeingwales.org	Aims to guide people and organisations to make the best choices and increase wellbeing across Wales and beyond.
Mind Cymru	www.mind.org.uk	Helps people take control of their mental health by providing high-quality information and advice, and campaigning to promote and protect good mental health for everyone.
Forest School Wales	www.forestschoolwales.org.uk	Works to ensure that throughout Wales there is sustainable Forest School provision, supported by a national network.
Forest Education Initiative	www.foresteducation.org	Aims to increase the understanding and appreciation, particularly among young people, of the environmental, social, and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between the tree and everyday wood products.
County Voluntary Councils		
Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations	www.cavo.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Ceredigion.
Powys Association of Voluntary	www.pavo.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Powys.



Organisations		
Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham	www.avow.org	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Wrexham.
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations	www.gavowales.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Gwent.
Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations	www.bavo.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Bridgend.
Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Organisations	www.cavs.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Carmarthenshire.
Conwy Voluntary Services Council	www.cvsc.co.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Conwy.
Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council	www.dvsc.co.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Denbighshire.
Flintshire Local Voluntary Council	www.flvc.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Flintshire.
Mantell Gwynedd	www.mantellgwynedd.com	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Gwynedd.
Medrwn Mon	www.medrwnmon.org	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Ynys Mon.
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Services	www.nptcvcs.com	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Neath Port Talbot.
Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary services	www.pavs.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Pembrokeshire.
Swansea Council for Voluntary service	www.scvs.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Swansea
Torfaen Voluntary Alliance	www.torfaenvoluntaryalliance.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Torfaen
Vale Centre for Voluntary Services	www.host-bcsd.co.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout the Vale of Glamorgan
Voluntary Action Cardiff	www.vacardiff.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Cardiff
Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil	www.vamt.net	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout Merthyr Tydfil
Interlink	www.interlinkrct.org.uk	Promotes and supports voluntary community action throughout RCT